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Conservative editor voices suspicion regarding Benedict, Obama meeting

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Here's what Steven Ertelt, the LifeNews.com editor writes [1] about the upcoming meeting July 10th between President Obama and Pope Benedict.

> The pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church and Obama's pro-abortion views have been at odds since the beginning of his presidency.
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> Before Obama took over the White House, the nation's Catholic bishops warned him not to aggressively promote abortion and not to include abortion in his health care restructuring proposal.
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> He upset pro-life Catholics immediately with his overturning of the Mexico City Policy and allowing taxpayer dollars to go to pro-abortion groups that promote and perform abortions overseas.
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> Then, Obama overturned President Bush's protections against making taxpayers fund embryonic stem cell research that destroys human life.
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> Tensions grew further when the University of Notre Dame invited Obama to give its commencement speech and bestowed on him an honorary degree. Several dozen Catholic bishops and all pro-life groups criticized the move and how it gave legitimacy to Obama's pro-abortion record.
> Recently, L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican's daily newspaper, came under fire for overlooking the record and saying Obama is not pro-abortion and hadn't compiled the "radical" record his detractors expected.
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> During the meeting, pro-life Catholics hope the Pope will address Obama's abortion record and urge him to do more to protect human life.
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> There is no word on whether Miguel Diaz, who Obama nominated to be the ambassador to the Vatican, will attend the meeting. Diaz has received criticism from pro-life advocates for glossing over Obama's abortion record and campaigning for him during the presidential election.
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> Diaz also was among a group of Catholic professors who signed a latter backing the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, who backs late-term abortions, as Obama's health secretary.

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